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- my residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name;
- I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled: **Decoding Device, Decoding Method and Automobile Audio System with such a Decoding Device**
- the specification of which is attached hereto unless the following box is checked: If the box is checked,

the application was filed on November 26, 2001
 as U.S. Application Number 09/994,471
 or PCT International Application Number
 and was amended on (if applicable).

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I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

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Prior Foreign Application			Priority Not Claimed
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